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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 15 and 16 are now pending. Claims 1, 7, 9 and 15 have been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-2 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,802,314 by Tullis et al., ("Tullis") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,442,589 by Takahashi et al., ("Takahashi") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,289,304 Grefenstette ("Grefenstette").

The Patent Office rejected claims 3, 7-8, 11, 15-16, 19 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,802,314 by Tullis et al. ("Tullis") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,442,589 by Takahashi et al., ("Takahashi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,289,304 Grefenstette ("Grefenstette") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,236,987 by Horowitz et al. ("Horowitz").

Applicants respectfully traverse both rejections. Applicants respectfully submit a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established for any one of claims 1, 7, 9 and 15. To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Ryoka*, 180 U.S.P.Q. 580 (C.C.P.A. 1974). See also *In re Wilson*, 165 U.S.P.Q. 494 (C.C.P.A. 1970).

Applicant respectfully submits claims 1, 7, 9 and 15 include elements which have not been disclosed by Tullis, Takahashi, Grefenstette or Horowitz, individually or in combination. The present invention allows for user-defined summarization based upon sender information where a message is summarized according to a list of keywords selected by a user. For example, claims 1, 7, 9 and 15 generally recite summarization rules reducing messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to the messages being based upon the sender information.

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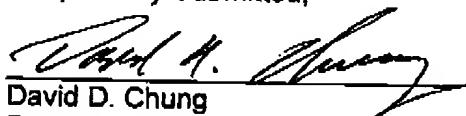
Tullis, Takahashi, Grefenstette or Horowitz, individually or in combination fail to teach, disclose or suggest summarization rules reducing messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to the messages being based upon the sender information. Consequently, an element of claims 1, 7, 9 and 15 has not been taught by Tullis, Takahashi, Grefenstette or Horowitz, individually or in combination. Thus, claims 1-3, 7-11, 15 and 16 should be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable, and it is respectfully requested that the entire application now be passed to formal allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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